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In re the application of:

Osamu KOBAYASHI et al.

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For: LIP-TYPE HIGH-PRESSURE SEAL

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of April 3, 2003 (Paper
No. 8), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

B/ -- A high pressure shaft seal for use in a refrigerating machine wherein carbon dioxide is used as a refrigerant in lieu of "Freon". The seal has a sealing lip made of a non-elastomeric polymer material such as nylon that has a small gas permeability coefficient, a region of the sealing lip brought into contact with a shaft to be sealed being lined with a low friction lining of polytetrafluoroethylene. The gas barrier sealing lip of nylon serves to effectively block permeation of carbon dioxide gas under an extremely high pressure of from about 4 Mpa to about 12 Mpa.